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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
MICHEL DE WAARD, ET AL. : ATTN: BOX SEQUENCE  
SERIAL NO: 10/540,247 :  
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FOR: CHIMERIC PROTEIN FOR THE :  
SCREENING OF AGONISTS AND  
ANTAGONISTS OF CELL SIGNALLING  
PATHWAYS THAT ARE DEPENDENT  
ON G-PROTEIN-COUPLED RECEPTORS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Communication dated April 3, 2006, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.